

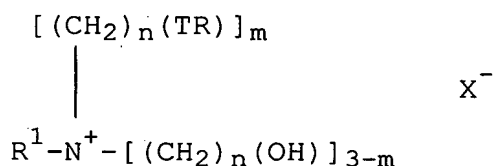
### Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

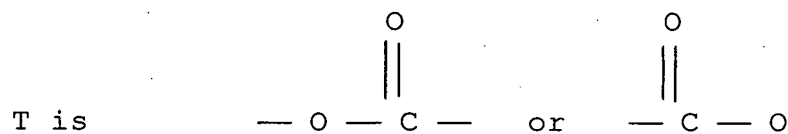
### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A fabric conditioning composition in the form of an aqueous dispersion comprising:

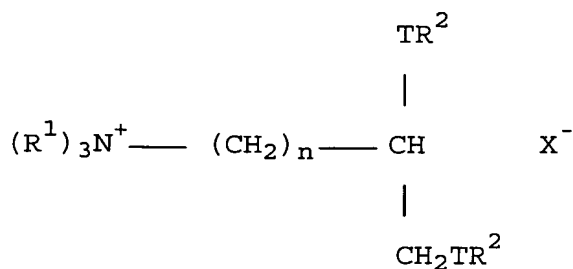
(a) an ester-linked quaternary ammonium fabric softening material selected from



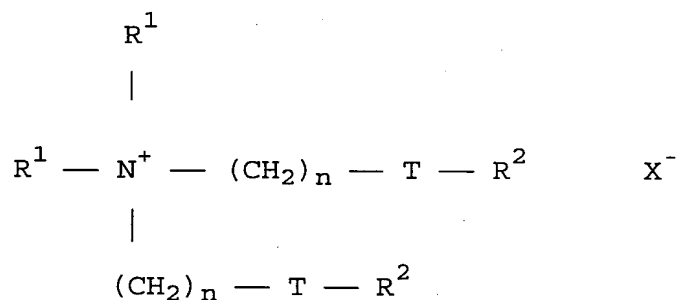
wherein each R is independently selected from a C<sub>5-35</sub> alkyl or alkenyl group, R<sup>1</sup> represents a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or hydroxyalkyl group or a C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl group,



n is 0 or an integer selected from 1 to 4, m is 1, 2 or 3 and denotes the number of moieties to which it refers that pend directly from the N atom, and X<sup>-</sup> is an anionic group;

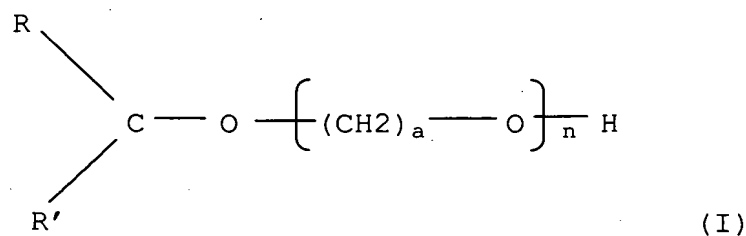


wherein each  $\text{R}^1$  group is independently selected from  $\text{C}_{1-4}$  alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or  $\text{C}_{2-4}$  alkenyl groups; and wherein each  $\text{R}^2$  group is independently selected from  $\text{C}_{8-28}$  alkyl or alkenyl groups;  $n$  is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5 and  $\text{T}$  and  $\text{X}^-$  are as defined above, and



wherein each  $\text{R}^1$  group is independently selected from  $\text{C}_{1-4}$  alkyl, or  $\text{C}_{2-4}$  alkenyl groups; and wherein each  $\text{R}^2$  group is independently selected from  $\text{C}_{8-28}$  alkyl or alkenyl groups;  $n$  is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5 and  $\text{T}$  and  $\text{X}^-$  are as defined above;

(b) A nonionic material represented by formula (I):



wherein R and R' are independently selected from C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>15</sub> optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl and benzyl groups and the combined number of carbons in R and R' is from 7 to 16, n is from 1 to 6 and a is 2 or 3.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein, in the nonionic material, n is from 2 to 5.

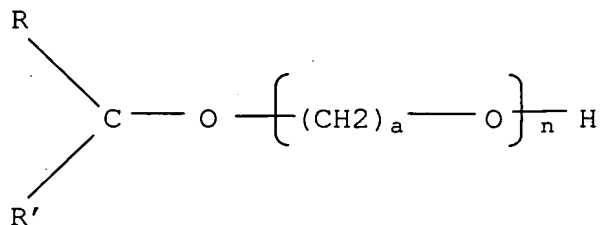
Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 2 wherein, in the nonionic material, n is from 2 to 4.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein, in the nonionic material, the total number of carbons, R + R', is from 8 to 15.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein, in the nonionic material, the total number of carbons, R + R', is from 10 to 15.

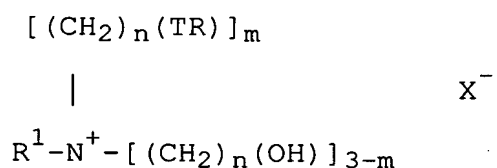
Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein, in the nonionic material, the total number of carbons, R + R', is from 11 to 15.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The use of a nonionic material of formula:-

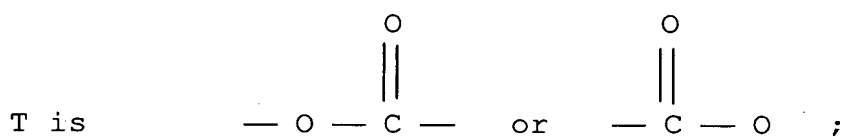


wherein R and R' are independently selected from C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>15</sub> optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl, and benzyl groups and the combined number of carbons in R and R' is from 7 to 16, n is from 1 to 6 and a is 2 or 3

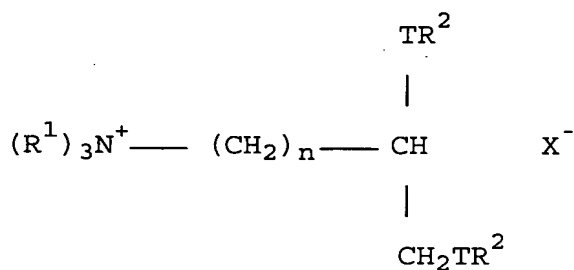
in a fabric conditioning composition comprising an ester linked quaternary ammonium fabric softening material selected from:



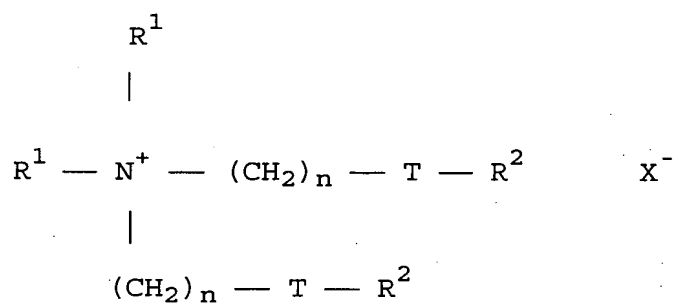
wherein each R is independently selected from a C<sub>5-35</sub> alkyl or alkenyl group, R<sup>1</sup> represents a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or hydroxyalkyl group or a C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl group,



n is 0 or an integer selected from 1 to 4, m is 1, 2 or 3 and denotes the number of moieties to which it refers that pend directly from the N atom, and X<sup>-</sup> is an anionic group;



wherein each  $\text{R}^1$  group is independently selected from  $\text{C}_{2-4}$  alkyl groups; and wherein each  $\text{R}^2$  group is independently selected from  $\text{C}_{8-28}$  alkyl or alkenyl groups;  $n$  is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5 and  $\text{T}$  and  $\text{X}^-$  are as defined above, and



wherein each  $\text{R}^1$  group is independently selected from  $\text{C}_{1-4}$  alkyl, or  $\text{C}_{2-4}$  alkenyl groups; and wherein each  $\text{R}^2$  group is independently selected from  $\text{C}_{8-28}$  alkyl or alkenyl groups;  $n$  is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5 and  $\text{T}$  and  $\text{X}^-$  are as defined above; to improve the elevated temperature storage stability of the fabric conditioning composition.